

# Wheatfield Township Newsletter

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### Public Meetings

Board of Supervisors  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month 7:30  
p.m.

Planning Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the Month  
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board  
As needed

All meetings are held at the Township Building  
located at 1280 New Bloomfield Rd.,  
New Bloomfield

### Contacts

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### **Welcome to the Spring edition of the Wheatfield Township Newsletter**

Township Supervisors at their December 2012 meeting adopted the budget for 2013. Township taxes remained the same at .199 mills on all real estate assessments, 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax (.5% twp. & .5% school) and a 1.8% earned income tax (.5% twp. & 1.3% school).

Bids for the Creek Road culvert replacement project are expected to be due in May 2013. The supervisors will award the project at their June 2013 meeting. Work will begin in June and should be completed by August prior to school starting.

The supervisors have received an update from Wilson Consulting Group, PC on the Sulphur Springs Road Bridge replacement. Wilson Consulting Group, PC stated the notice to proceed for the project was received on June 22, 2012. They have 12 months to complete Part I – Preliminary Engineering which would be June 2013 and then they have 12 months to complete Part II – Final Design which would be June 2014. The best case (most aggressive) scenario would be: aim to complete Preliminary Engineering in early summer of 2013 and aim to complete Final Design in winter of 2013/2014 for a spring 2014 bid.

The Supervisors at their February meeting discussed proposed road projects to be completed this year. The road being considered for paving is Dark Hollow Road and the roads being considered for seal coat are Roseglen Road and McNaughton Drive. Road inspections will be completed by the Supervisors and a final decision will be made by May on road projects.

Any additional information or updates on road projects will be posted on the township website under the bridge and road project section.

Jim Fuller, Township Road Master will be retiring June 1, 2013. The application and interviewing process has begun. The anticipated start date for the new Road Master is April 1, 2013.

The Township Planning Commission has finished their review of the update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Supervisors will hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the revised plan. Please check the website for meeting dates.

### Township Schedule of Holidays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
March 29, 2013	Good Friday
May 27, 2013	Memorial Day
July 4, 2013	Fourth of July
September 2, 2013	Labor Day
November 28, 2013	Thanksgiving
November 29, 2013	Office
December 2, 2013	Road Crew
December 25, 2013	Christmas
January 1, 2014	New Year's Day



### **Don't forget, Spring Ahead!**

Turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 10, 2013.

## YOUR TOWNSHIP TAXES

Do you understand how your tax money is distributed to the School, County and Township? From discussions with several Township residents this can be very confusing. Wheatfield Township receives .199 mills of the 15.7115 mills levied on real estate, .5% of the earned income tax and no per capita tax is collected for the Township (only County). Listed below is an illustration that can help to clarify the situation.

For example, a resident with a real estate assessed value of \$100,000 would have paid a total of \$1,571.15 in real estate taxes, distributed as follows:

	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Amount</u>
School	12.2	\$1,220.00
County	3.3125	331.25
Township	<u>.199</u>	<u>19.90</u>
	15.7115	\$1,571.15

The same resident, if he/she earned \$350 per week, would have paid \$327.60 in earned income taxes and \$5.00 in County per capita taxes, distributed as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
School Earned Income Tax (1.3%)	\$236.60
County Per Capita Tax	5.00
Township Earned Income Tax (.5%)	<u>91.00</u>
	\$332.60

As you can see the total taxes, \$1,903.75 paid by a Wheatfield Township resident, \$1,456.60 went to the School, \$336.25 to the County and \$110.90 to the Township. Thus, approximately 76.5% of the resident's real estate and earned income tax went to the School, approximately 17.7% to Perry County and 5.8% to Wheatfield Township.

\*The above figures give an estimated general overview as to how your tax money is distributed.

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## **Spring Cleanup**

Wheatfield Township will hold a Spring Cleanup drop-off at Wagner Park on Paradise Road beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013 and concluding at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a drop-off clean up. If you have any questions, please call the Township Office. The following items are being accepted:

furniture (sofa, chairs, tables)

mattresses and box springs

doors, windows, frames

wood (bundled, boxed, bagged) with 50 lb. maximum weight limit, no more than 4 feet in length

white goods/appliances (washers, dryers, stoves)

electronics (tv's, computers, printers)

metal items such as hand lawn mowers (free of gas, oil and batteries)

bicycles

automobile tires (limit 8 per household)

CFCs (refrigerators, air conditioners)

**\*No household refuse will be accepted.**

**\*Wagner Park facilities will be closed to the public during the spring cleanup.**

**\*Wheatfield Township residents only – proof of residency required**

**\*Limit of 2 drop offs per household**

## **WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were approved between October 2012 and February 2013:

- Clearview, LLC Subdivision Plan, Paradise Road

The following Subdivision/Land Development Plans were denied between October 2012 and February 2013:

- Randy & Sharon Smith Subdivision Plan, Newport Road

As of March 2013, the following Subdivision/Land Development Plans are pending:

- Andy & Gary Zeigler Subdivision Plan, Dellville Road

### **Duncannon Community Center** (formally Duncannon Senior Center)

The Duncannon Community Center has moved. Their new address is 301 High St, Duncannon, PA. The Center is open to all area residents 50 years of age or older and membership is free.

The Center offers shopping trips monthly, weekly trips to Mutzabaughs Market, bingo weekly, lunch bunch, free tax services, card and board games, health programs, sponsored dinner the third Wednesday of every month that is open to the public, movie days, Silver Sneakers exercise class every Monday and Friday at 1:00 p.m., Wii bowling games daily and many other things to do. Soup and sandwich sale every Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come out and renew old acquaintances or make new friends. Lunch for 60 years or older served daily and transportation is available with 48 hours advance notice. Must be 65 years or older for shared ride with PCTA.

Call Mary at 834-4777 to answer any questions you may have about programs for Seniors through AAA.

### **Monthly Recycling**

Recycling is held the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The recycling program has been and continues to be a huge success. Thank you to all who participate in the Township's monthly recycling program. You do make a difference! Additional volunteers to assist with recycling are always welcome. Please contact the Township office if you are interested. Please see the township's website for items accepted.

<p><b>REMEMBER TO VOTE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY MAY 21, 2013 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM SNYDER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b></p>
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### **News and Updates from the WTP&RB**

With the groundhog saying that spring is right around the corner the Rec. Board is beginning to prepare for this year's summer projects.

We recently had Goods Tree Service at the park to remove dead limbs in several trees around the snack bar and restrooms. They also removed a tree at the creek that was leaning towards the walking bridge.

Some of our other projects this summer include reseeding some bare spots and fixing washouts on the bank along Narrows Rd. This project was put on hold from last year due to the dry spring and summer. We have also purchased two pedestal grills which will be installed near the pavilion. Several trail marking signs and the park rules sign will also be replaced due to vandalism.

Our other goals for the summer are repainting inside the restrooms and replacing the blocks around the Park Sign on Paradise Rd.

In other business, we are currently applying for a grant to begin the preliminary process to replace the walking bridge. This will allow us to compile costs which will be needed for future funding. We are again requesting help from anybody with experience in this, or would be interested in helping, to contact the Rec. Board or the Twp. office.

Members and volunteers work on the park Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Comments and suggestions are welcome and help is always appreciated.

Have a Great Summer,  
The WTP&RB

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**Energy Saving Tips – General**

**Locate floor, table and wall lamps in the corner of a room** rather than against a flat wall.

Lamps in corners reflect light from two wall surfaces instead of one.

**When painting in your home, choose light colors for walls, ceilings, floors and furniture.**

Light colors reflect light – dark colors absorb light and require bulbs with higher wattages.

**Start vegetables on high heat in a covered pan.** When steam appears around the lid, lower the heat setting and allow food to simmer until done.

**Activate the self-cleaning cycle on your electric oven only when the oven is heavily soiled.**

Start the cycle right after using the oven while it is still hot.

**SMILE!**

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up. After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch again he asks the little old lady, 'Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?' 'We can't chew them because we've no teeth', she replied. The puzzled driver asks, 'Why do you buy them then?' The old lady replied, 'We just love the chocolate around them.'

“LIVE WELL, LAUGH OFTEN, LOVE MUCH”